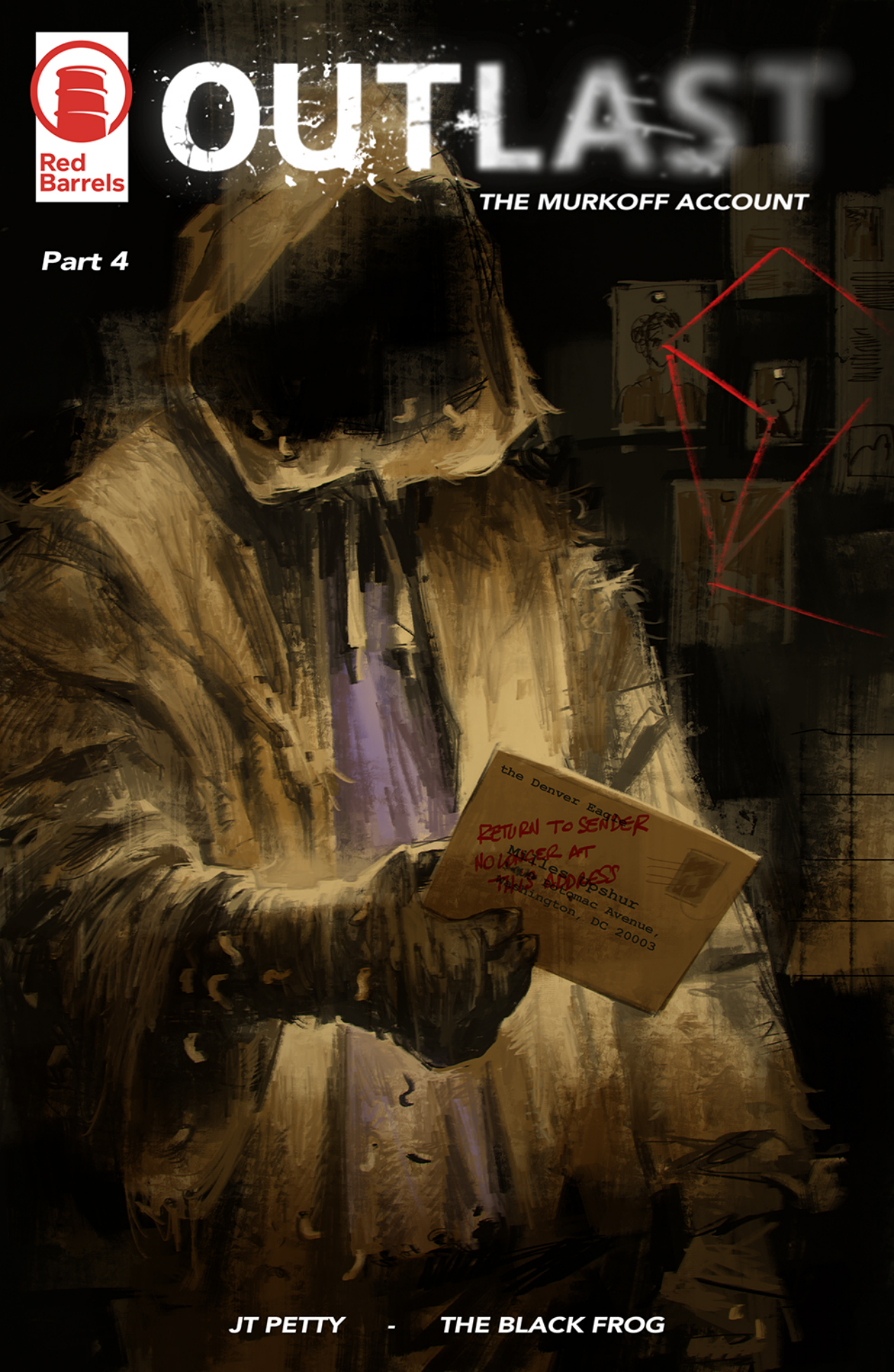




OUTLAST

THE MURKOFF ACCOUNT

Part 4



JT PETTY - THE BLACK FROG

The trans-national MURKOFF CORPORATION tirelessly pushes the frontier of scientific research and development. Partnering with the greatest minds of tomorrow, Murkoff expands the reach of every branch of scientific inquiry, including gene therapy, behavioral psychology, information technology, and medicine.

In the event of mistake or oversight, the MURKOFF INSURANCE MITIGATION DEPARTMENT comes in to minimize economic fallout. Mitigation Officers are damage control. They are not here to save lives or help people, they are here to make sure it doesn't cost the company any more than it has to.



*PAUL MARION & PAULINE GLICK,
MURKOFF INSURANCE MITIGATION OFFICERS*

*THE MURKOFF ACCOUNT Part 4
Story by JT PETTY & Art by THE BLACK FROG*



RESIDENCE OF WAYLON
PARK, BOULDER, CO.

THE WHISTLEBLOWER
THAT BROUGHT DOWN
MOUNT MASSIVE,
WAYLON PARK,
BURNED HIS HOUSE
DOWN WHEN HE FLED
WITH HIS FAMILY.

WAYLON WASN'T
FUCKING AROUND ABOUT
DISAPPEARING. WE'LL SIFT
THE ASHES, BUT OUR
CHANCES OF FINDING A
LEAD IN THIS ARE
VANISHINGLY
SLIM.

YEAH...



WHAT YOU
GOT THERE?

PHOTO OF
HIS FAMILY,
THE TWO BOYS.
I HATE IT WHEN
THEY HAVE
FAMILIES.

SINCE
WHEN DID
MURKOFF
HURT WOMEN
AND KIDS?

...

SORRY,
THAT WAS
IN BAD
TASTE

FBI ON-SITE HOSPITAL,
DETROIT MI

WE FLEW EAST
TO LOOK THROUGH
MILES UPSHUR'S
APARTMENT.

MILES DIED AT
MOUNT MASSIVE, WE WERE
HOPING FOR SOME CONNECTION
TO SIMON PEACOCK AND
WAYLON PARK.

...YEAH, I USED TO
SEE MILES JOGGING
SOMETIMES, HE'S BEEN
GONE FOR A WHILE NOW,
BUT I SAW HIM BACK
JUST LAST NIGHT.

RESIDENCE OF
MILES UPSHUR,
WASHINGTON, D.C.

MILES UPSHUR?
HERE, LAST NIGHT?
THAT'S NOT
POSSIBLE.

I SAW HIM, STANDING
RIGHT OVER THERE,
DROVE MY DOGS BATHSHIT,
WHICH IS WEIRD, THEY
ALWAYS USED TO
LIKE HIM,

THAT
WOMAN SAID
MILES UPSHUR
WAS HERE
LAST NIGHT.

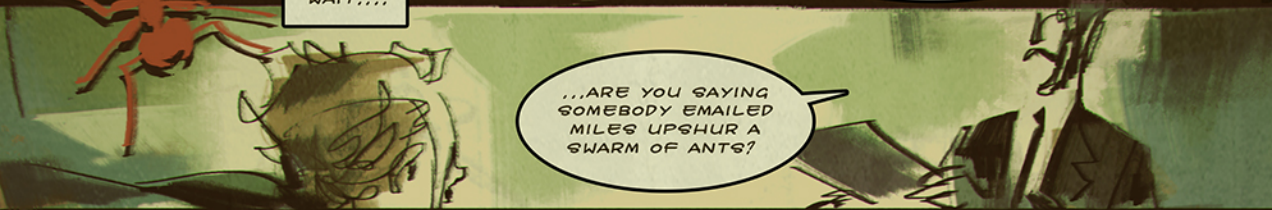
NOT LIKELY,
THOUGH IT'D
TAKE US DAYS
TO FIND HIM
UNDER ALL
THIS SHIT
IF HE WAS

GUESS WE
BETTER GET
STARTED
THEN.

IT'S
GARBAGE.

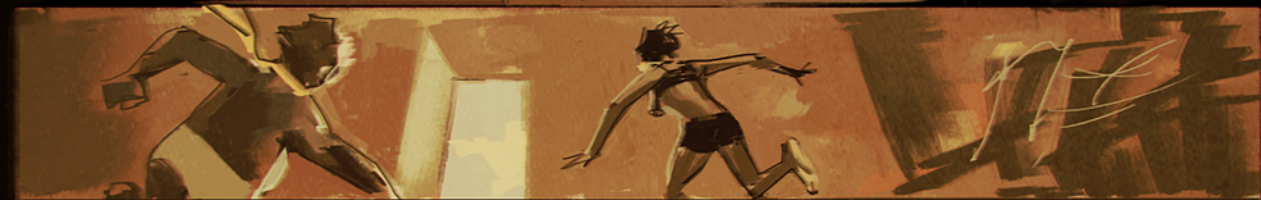
IS... IS SOME
OF THIS GARBAGE
MOVING

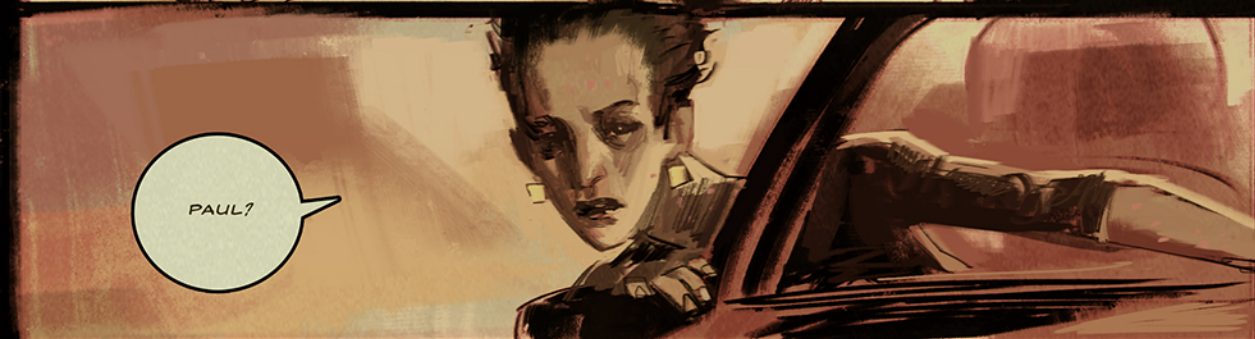
ANTS,
THE PLACE
IS INFESTED.















WHAT'S
YOUR
NAME?

YOU'VE
BEEN
FOLLOWING
US.

I'M
NOT A
MERCENARY.

YOU'VE GOT
SHAME, YOU
KNOW WHAT
YOU'RE DOING
IS WRONG.

YES, I'VE BEEN
WATCHING YOU,
AND YOU GOT
SOMETHING MOST
MURKOFF RUNNING
DOG MERCENARIES
DON'T.



IT'S
A JOB.

BUT YOU'RE
SOMEBODY WHO'D
CHASE AFTER ME,
DESPITE THE FACT
THAT YOU'RE INJURED,
AND NAKED,
WHO DOES THAT?

TELL ME
YOUR
NAME.

...I CAN'T
STAND
NOT
KNOWING.



NO, I'VE READ
YOUR FILES, PEACOCK,
YOU USED TO WORK FOR
MURKOFF, AND SIX YEARS
AGO YOU LEAKED COMPANY
FILES AND VANISHED,
BEEN OFF THE MAP SINCE,
ENCOURAGING OTHER
WHISTLEBLOWERS.


OF COURSE
I AM, THEY'RE
EVIL,
YOU WORK FOR
THE DEVIL.

YOU'LL NEVER
FIND HIM.

YOU'RE TRYING
TO DESTROY
MURKOFF.

YOU'RE
PROTECTING
WAYLON PARK?

WHAT'S
PROJECT
WALRIDER?




I COULDN'T
TELL YOU IF
I KNEW,

WILFULL IGNORANCE,
I REMEMBER THAT,
ALMOST LET ME
SLEEP SOME NIGHTS,

HOW DO YOU
SLEEP? HOW DO
YOU JUSTIFY WORKING
FOR PEOPLE YOU
KNOW ARE EVIL?




Patient: ALISON MARION,
Gene Therapy Transfusion
XLG-99548,
Total: \$68,412.66,
Employee Discount
Benefits:
\$65,204.41.
Balance: \$3,208.25.



MOUNT MASSIVE
WAS A PEBBLE IN A
POND, AN EXPERIMENT
ON INDIVIDUALS,
THAT, IS WHERE
THE REAL SICKNESS
SPREADS,

36.05.51N/112.34.00W,



IF YOU
CANNOT LOOK AT
WHAT'S THERE AND NOT
EAT YOURSELF HOLLOW
WITH SHAME, YOU'RE
NOT HUMAN ANY
MORE,

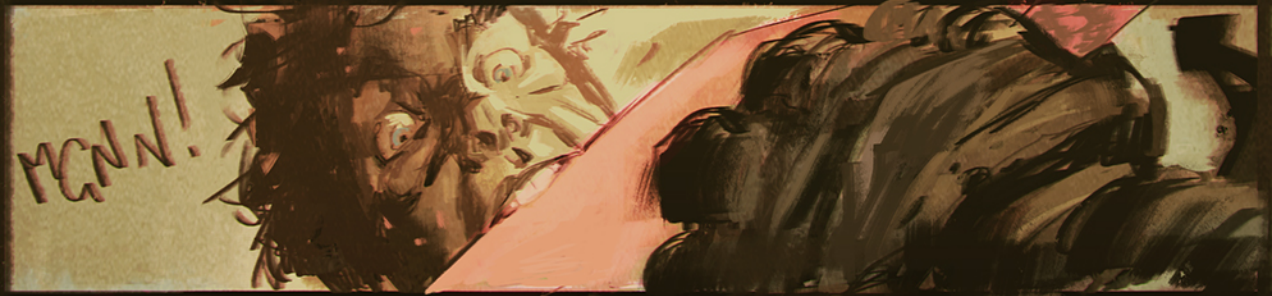
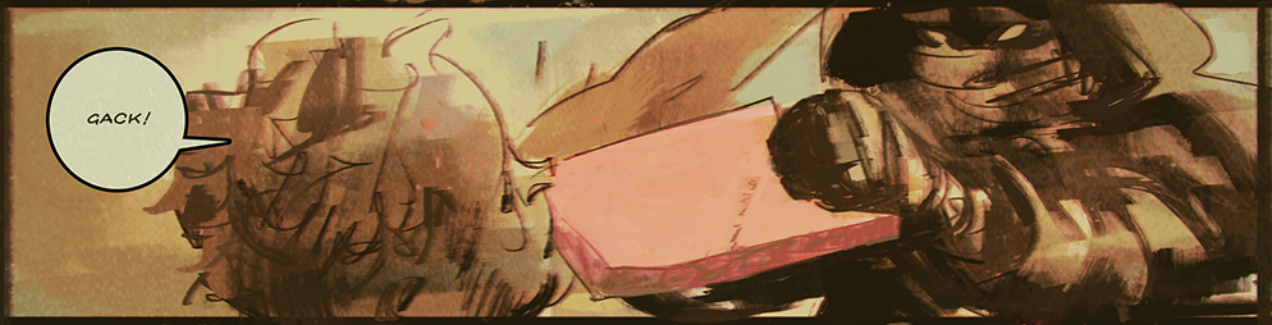
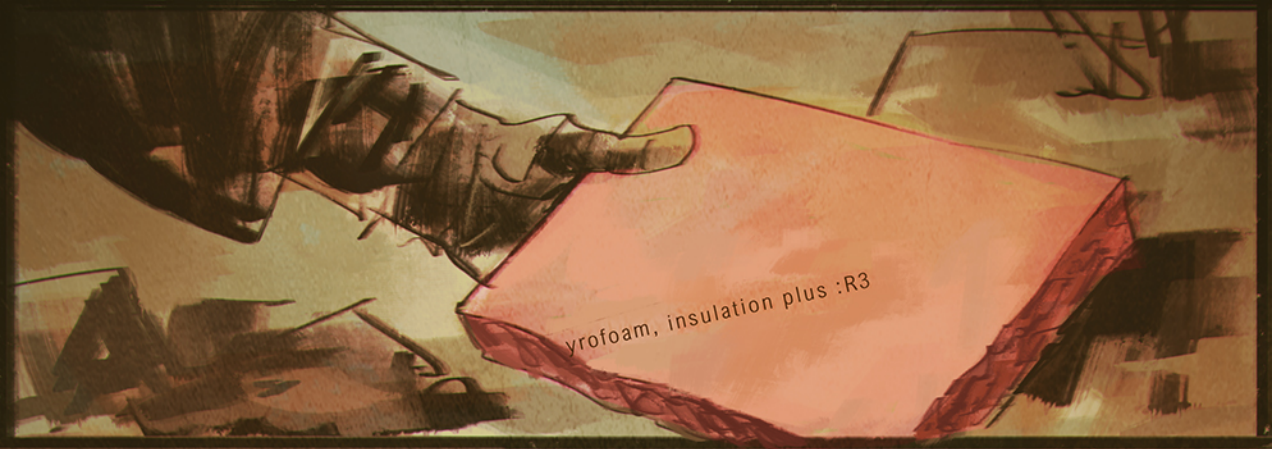
36.05.51N/112.34.00W,

THOSE ARE
COORDINATES,

I NEED YOUR
HELP, I NEED
SOMEBODY STILL
INSIDE MURKOFF.
I'M NOT ASKING,
I'M TELLING YOU:
YOU'RE GOING
TO HELP ME,



...I HAVE
TO DO MY
JOB,






FREEZE!




IT'S
SIMON
PEACOCK!





I SAID FREEZE,
MOTHERFUCKER!



I'M
LEAVING.

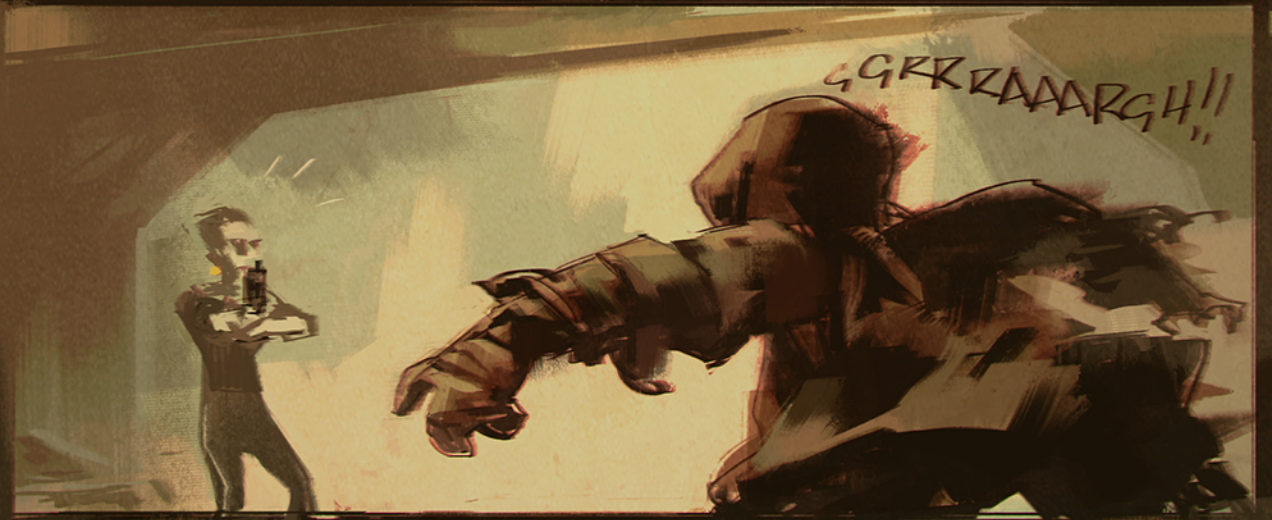
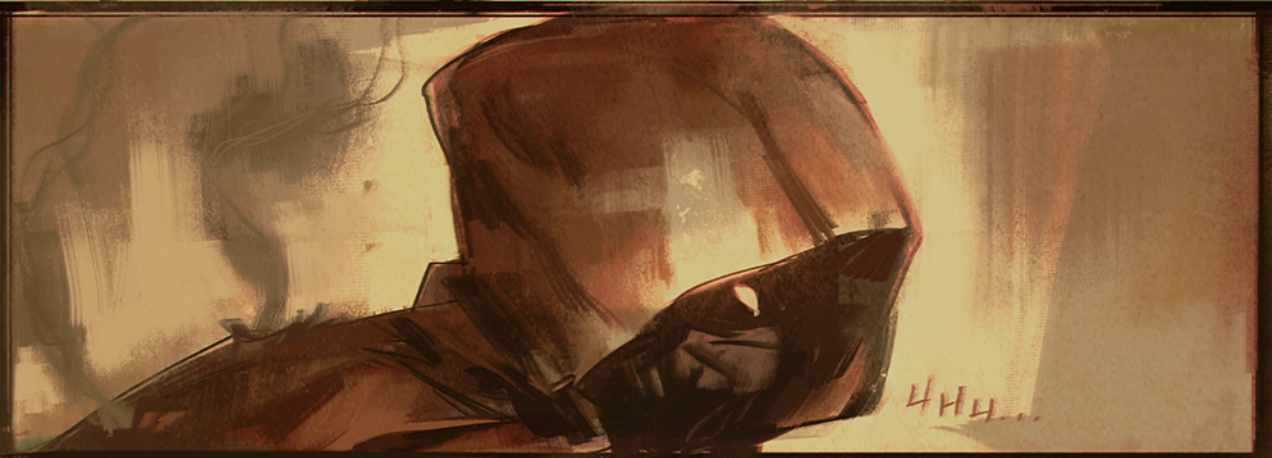
PLEASE
DON'T MAKE
ME HURT
YOU.



OKAY.



BLAM! BLAM!









THAT WAS
SIMON
PEACOCK?

YEAH,

WHAT WAS
HE SHOVING
IN YOUR
FACE?

FOAM
INSULATION,
I THINK,

WHY?

FUCKED
IF I KNOW,


I FIGURED IT
OUT LATER --

THANKS,

HE'S A...
MONSTER,


YEAH,

LET'S GET YOU
SOME CLOTHES
BEFORE I GET
TOO TURNED ON,



HE WAS
USING THE FOAM TO
TAKE AN IMPRESSION
OF MY TEETH,
DENTAL RECORDS,
MY IDENTIFICATION.
HE WASN'T DONE
WITH ME,

AND WE WEREN'T
DONE WITH HIM, I WAS
MORE CERTAIN THAN EVER
THAT EVIDENCE INSIDE
MILES' APARTMENT WOULD
LEAD US TO PEACOCK
AND PARK,



WE HAD MILES UPSHUR'S HOUSE
FUMIGATED, PUMPED IT FULL OF AN
UNGODLY AMOUNT OF POISON, IT WAS
ANT DRESDEN,

AFTER THEY'D AIRED IT OUT,
WE WENT BACK INSIDE. EVERYTHING
WAS GONE, THE ANTS HAD CHEWED
IT TO DUST,




THIS MAKE ANY
KIND OF SENSE
TO YOU?

AND THE ANTS
WERE GONE, OR MAYBE
POWDERED, EVERYTHING
WAS COATED IN BLACK DUST,

BUT IT AT LEAST
CLOSES THE BOOKS
ON MOUNT MASSIVE
FOR NOW, THE EVIDENCE
COULDN'T GET ANY
MORE THOROUGHLY
DESTROYED,

NOTHING
I FEEL GOOD
ABOUT IT


THERE IS
ONE MORE
THING,




COORDINATES I GOT
FROM SIMON PEACOCK, IT'S AN
EMPTY PLOT OF LAND ABOUT
EIGHTY MILES NORTHWEST
OF FLAGSTAFF,

HE SAID THERE
WAS MURKOFF
BUSINESS THERE,

36° 05' 51" N,
112° 34' 00" W




NOTHING
I KNOW OF,




I WOULDN'T PUT
TOO MUCH FAITH IN
ANYTHING I HEARD FROM
AN ANIMATED PILE
OF MAGGOTS,

MAYBE WE
SHOULD CHECK
IT OUT,




NAH,
LEAVE IT ALONE,
MURKOFF'LL SIO US ON
IT IF THEY WANT US
TO DIG,




IT DOESN'T MATTER,
UNTIL WAYLON PARK
STICKS HIS HEAD UP,
THIS CASE IS DONE.

YOU SHOULD GET
HOME, SPEND SOME
TIME WITH YOUR
DAUGHTER...



...
MAKE SURE SHE
DOESN'T GROW UP
TO BE SOMEBODY
LIKE ME.



26° 05' 51" N, 112° 34' 00 W

"MOUNT MASSIVE WAS A PEBBLE
IN A POND, AN EXPERIMENT ON
INDIVIDUALS, THIS IS WHERE
THE REAL SICKNESS SPREADS,"

*To be continued in Outlast:
The Murkoff Account Part 5*